



ATTORNEY WILLIAM A. HEATHMAN, Providence, R. I.

THE ONLY COLORED BARRISTER.

Mr. Wm. A. Heathman who Alone Represents the Afro-Americans in Providence Before the Bar of Justice—A Leader, Scholar and Musician of Note.

Mr. William A. Heathman who enjoys the distinction of being the only colored attorney in Providence is a native of this city where he has lived continuously except for a short period when he was pursuing a course of studies at Boston University.

His elementary education was received in the public schools of Providence. After graduating from the English High School in 1891 he entered Brown University where he continued for a short time, subsequently he was admitted to Boston University at which place he completed his education. While at the latter institution he gained considerable prominence as an active student; displaying especial ability along the lines of music. During his second year he was elected to the leadership of the University Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Club; these positions he retained during the remainder of his course. After the completion of his Academic training Mr. Heathman returned to Providence and entered the Civil Service Examination for Special Pension Examiner. In this test he ranked second on the list to be appointed from Rhode Island; he decided however to continue in the study of law—the vocation of his first choice—and accordingly abandoned the idea of engaging in the pursuance of pension work.

In the Rhode Island State election of 1897 he was nominated as representative for the General Assembly but declined the nomination and withdrew. In the same year he was made the unanimous choice as Historian of Ives Post No. 13, G. A. R. and has succeeded in filling out a personal war record of every member of that organization (living and dead). These records are written in an elegantly embossed volume which was presented to the Post by the late George Henry who was reputed the wealthiest colored citizen of Providence. The volume which was purchased at a cost of \$100 dollars contains a sketch of the life of the donor,

written by Mr. Heathman. It is to be placed as a memorial in the archives of the State.

Lawyer Heathman has on more than one occasion delivered the Memorial Day oration for the Post; and when the New England Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church held its 57th annual session in Providence the welcome address representing the citizens was delivered by him.

When Miss Lillian Clayton Jewett was making plans soliciting co-operation in the matter of bringing the bereaved and well-nigh helpless family of Postmaster Baker North and establishing for them a home, Mr. Heathman was one of the leading factors in the movement. He also gave to Miss Jewett the name which has since become quite famous, namely, the "Second Harriett Beecher Stowe." He was recently united in marriage to Mrs. Eugenia V. Mitchell, one of the leading ladies of Jacksonville, Fla.

Although still a young man he is a most ardent, devoted and loyal race man, being always willing and ready to participate in any act which tends to elevate his people; and is at this writing Deputy Commissioner of the State in the interest of the Charles Sumner Memorial Monument Fund. An additional honor was conferred upon Attorney Heathman, when on Saturday June 29, 1901 he was admitted to the U. S. District Court, having received very flattering recommendations from some of the leading citizens of the city.

W. W.

The Providence News.

Providence, R. I., Special—In the sketch published last week relative to Captain Bowen the wrong initials were accidentally given. It is F. S. Bowen of whom we wrote.

A stranger made his appearance in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Thomas of 191 Williams street on Thursday June 20. The name of the new arrival is Alphonzo Craig Thomas. Mother and son are doing well.

Miss Ethel Tremaine Robinson, daughter of Mrs. Julia A. Robinson who formerly resided in Washington, D. C., graduated from the Classical High School this past term. She in-

tends to enter upon a college course next fall.

It is expected that we shall soon hear the account of many thrilling experiences of the practical side of a soldier's life by the volunteers who went from this city to engage in the service of Uncle Sam in the Philippines. They have now returned and from reports already gleaned some of them are prepared to give a good account of themselves.

A Gala Day at
The Whitehead House.

Ashbury Park, N. J., Special—The Whitehead House was the scene of one of the most charming affairs of the season on July 4th, the occasion being the opening of the cottage with a large dinner at noon and a musical and hop in the evening.

The spacious parlors and dining room were handsomely decorated with flowers, ferns and flags, and many bright sparkles of wit and repartee enlivened the festive board while the excellent menu was making its disappearance. The dinner was very delightfully ended with the presenting of souvenirs to each guest. Guests began coming early from the surrounding watering places and after listening to a delightful musical program rendered by Mrs. Nellie Brown Mitchell, of Boston, Miss Louise Hamer of Washington, D. C., Mr. Carl of Ashbury Park and Miss Annie Jackson of New York; all tripped time to the sweet strains of the stringed music hired for the occasion. Dancing and cooling beverages were indulged in until a late hour, when the many hired lanterns which decorated the outside lawn warned us that they were weary with their burning and that time was far spent.

Among the guests present were Mrs. Nellie Brown Mitchell, Boston; Mrs. J. P. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Frances, Lawyer Car, Dr. Reed, Dr. Frezier Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Mr. Durham, Mrs. I. C. Johnson of New York; Mr. Kenard of Philadelphia; Mrs. Eugene Mars of Brooklyn; Miss Louise Smith and Louise Hamer, Washington D. C.; Miss Mary King Brown, Newark; Mr. Smith and daughter of Newark, Mrs. Barbeane of South Carolina; Mrs. Mamie Ford and her guests from Philadelphia; Mrs. Maggie Kennard, Long Branch, N. Y. Late arrivals: Mrs. S. Coulson, Miss T. Guiney, Mr. Hallway, Miss Fairfax, Mr. Clinton.

At the Magnolia.

Professor James M. Gregory and wife, Master Thomas M. Gregory, Bordentown, N. J., Mrs. M. A. Hagan, Williamsport, Pa., Rev. Mrs. W. L. Thompson and daughter, Mrs. William Buckner and Edward Wansley, Miss Addie Waples and Miss Hattie Canfire, Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. Clement Mason, Baltimore, Md., Miss Sarah Young, Miss Mary Mack, Mrs. Crestena Conroy, Philadelphia, Pa., Professor W. C. O. Jacques, Baltimore, Md., Mr. W. A. Unshir, Philadelphia, Pa., Miss Arab Wolf Lewis, Delaware; Mrs. L. A. Hawkesworth, Mr. D. Hawkesworth, Washington, D. C., Lewis Thornton, Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Octina Ruffings gave a reception on Monday evening July 8th to many of her out of town friends. A very enjoyable evening was spent. Mrs. R. F. Tyler and two daughters Mabel and Rosetta are stopping at Williams Cottage.

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